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**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 5, 2003 9:50 AM  
**Subject:** Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

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**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Charles Scheer (cscheer@ufl.edu) writes:

I disagree with the FCC completely about consolidation of media ownership. Maintaining competition, diversity and localism within our nation's media assures diversity and opinions and avoids humdrum uniformity and ominous influence. Consolidation of media ownership also merges power into the hands of a few, while diversity keeps competition and variety in premium.

Thank you.

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Eric S Crain (grayce@3rivers net) writes

Mr Adelstein,

I wrote earlier in the week thanking you for your comments on Great Falls, Montana and would like to update you on the situation in this area

BEFORE the recent FCC ruling it has been virtually impossible for anyone to develop LOCAL radio in the Great Falls area as the many available frequencies are out of reach to those without very deep pockets. The FM spectrum is sewn up by OUT OF STATE religious organizations or media conglomerates. The only "public" radio in Great Falls consists mainly of a signal from a station in Missoula, 165 miles to the West. Great Falls and Central Montana have no real voice and with the available frequencies being impossible for LOCAL citizens to obtain I see no change in sight. As I stated earlier this has been the case BEFORE the recent ruling. One can only speculate how much worse it can get following the dreadful decision announced Monday.

This morning Great Falls television station KFBB announced that they are stopping their local morning, noon and weekend newscasts. This may or may not be due to the recent FCC ruling but it puts a gaping hole in an already ragged LOCAL media presence.

Reversing the recent ruling would be a start but an effort at making PUBLIC AIRWAVES once again available to LOCAL citizens as they were prior to 1996 should not be ignored either. Thank you for your time  
regards, Eric Crain

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